



First Presbyterian Church of Athens

In response to God's grace, the mission of First Presbyterian Church is to create a community where people seek the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, rejoice in worship, and go forth sharing the love of Christ with Athens and the world!

June 21, 2020
10:00 a.m. Livestream
Third Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Greeting

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Brother James' Air

M. Searle Wright

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Song of Gathering

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

From all that dwell below the skies

let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

through every land, in every tongue. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Call to Worship

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life,

We hear your voice and hasten to follow.

The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.

The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

We hear your call and give you praise.

Hymn 171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, and we hear your voice. Yet, we choose to hear other voices –

voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life.

But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy.

Call to us again, O Shepherd. Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice in your name, to seek after the well-being of all.

Lead us to the table you prepare for us – where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all.

Silent Prayer

Lord, have mercy. **Amen.**

A special word of

welcome: thank you for being with us online for worship this morning. We are delighted and hope that you will join us again next Sunday.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response

Hymn 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

The Peace

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

John 10:1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Sheep May Safely Graze

Johann Sebastian Bach

Sheep may safely graze forever, when their shepherd guards them well.
With the food of life he feeds them; to the fold he gently leads them,
where securely they may dwell.

Second Lesson

Psalm 23

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Lord is My Shepherd

Dr. Ryan Baer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BEACH SPRING

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

... God, for your grace, **we give you thanks.**

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The solo is from Bach's
Cantata 208.

*Savior, Like a Shepherd
Lead Us*, like many
hymns that are now
meaningful to adults,
was written for children
and develops shepherd
imagery from Psalm
23 and John 10:1-18.
The tune is an early
American shape note
tune named for a
Baptist church in Harris
County, Georgia.

Next to the Nicene
Creed, The Apostles'
Creed is the most
universally accepted
doctrinal statement in
Christendom. Although
not written by apostles,
it reflects the theological
formulations of the first
century church. Arising
from an early baptismal
creed, it underwent
development, attaining
its present form in the
eighth century.

*After each thanksgiv-
ing and petition, please
respond as indicated.*

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Wilbur Held

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Hymn 592

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Hymn 172 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

Hymn 540, Stanza 1

**God be with you till we meet again;
loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude *Improvisation on ST. COLUMBA*

John Coble

You may mail your check, set up an automatic payment of your pledge through your bank, or donate online at firstpresathens.org/home/giving. Thank you for your generosity.

The effectiveness of *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, a beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23, owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

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NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Margaret Davis, *Parish Associate*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Kendall Marie Kookogey, *Soloist*

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Bryan Owens, Jack Palmer

SUNDAY MORNING MANAGER

Rebecca Carlton

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, or by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org).

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21- Friday, June 26 Montreat Worship and Music Virtual Conference

Sunday, June 21

10:00 a.m. Service Livestream on Facebook, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
11:15 a.m. Online Adult Sunday School via Zoom

Tuesday, June 23

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting via Zoom
1:00 p.m. Athens Community Council on Aging Pickup & Delivery

Sunday, June 28

10:00 a.m. Service Livestream on Facebook, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
11:15 a.m. Online Adult Sunday School via Zoom (last class of the semester)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

21 DAY CHALLENGE

This month, our youth and families began a 21 Day Challenge, where we commit to spend intentional time learning about issues of race, power, and privilege. We'd like to invite the larger congregation to join us as well. For more information, please click the link on FPC website (firstpresathens.org) or our youth website (fpcathenspit.com), where you will find resources and a pledge to sign. Let us continue to learn what it means to be a good neighbor. May peace be with you. *Kim Ness*

SUMMER SCHEDULE

We began our summer schedule of one service at 10:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School will meet during the month of June via Zoom at 11:15 a.m.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons through July 31. Our office hours are: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Friday. If you need assistance on Friday afternoons, please refer to the Church Life App to contact Dr. Baer.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW FPC YOUTUBE CHANNEL!

As we work to improve our online worship experience, we recently launched our YouTube channel. If you don't have Facebook, this is a new way for you to follow worship live.

Please Subscribe to our Channel: click on the button on FPC website or search for "First Presbyterian Church of Athens GA" on YouTube and you will find us. If you have any questions, please contact Paulo Santos at paulo@firstpresathens.org.

Adult Sunday School via Zoom - Book of Job

Join us for Adult Sunday School via Zoom at 11:15 a.m. We will have sessions led by Drew Marshall about the Book of Job during the month of June, and then we will break for the rest of the summer.

All are welcome! To participate, shortly before the starting time of the event, please go to <https://zoom.us/j/7065434338>. The meeting ID is the main church number (706-543-4338) and the password is 185185. For more information on how to set up Zoom, please check the website.

Prayer Station

A prayer station on the front porch of the church features a quotation from Amos ("Let justice roll down like waters!") and our large wooden cross draped with "flowing water." Passersby are invited to stop, offer a prayer, tie a ribbon on the railing, read inspirational quotes and prayers, and to work for justice. Members, if you are able, please bring your own "ribbon" to add. It may be a strip of cloth, an old necktie, a piece of rope, etc. decorated, if you wish, with anything symbolic of your hopes and dreams for our country during this critical time. Suggested ribbon length is one to two yards. Please don't use paper: your contribution must be able to withstand rain.



PSALM 23

171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7

Henry Williams Baker, 1868

Ancient Irish melody

1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
 love He sought me, And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spreadest a table in my sight;
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;
 And O what transport of delight
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
 Thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
 Within Thy house forever.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7. D

Thrupp's Hymns for the Young, 1836
Harp, 1844

The Sacred



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der
 2. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we
 3. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy



care; in thy pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-
 be; thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to
 will; bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo-soms



pare: bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we
 free: bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to
 fill: bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us



are; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 thee; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 still; bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed



Je - sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.
 Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to thee.
 Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

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RESIGNATION CMD

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

C C G C G Am AmG C Am Em F C G C

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name;
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.
No more a strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION

Ryan Baer, Moderator Kitty Donnan, Clerk of Session
Carol Strickland, Associate Pastor

CLASS OF 2020	CLASS OF 2021	CLASS OF 2022
Jeff Bangle	Jennifer Walden Abbott	Karen Burg
Meghan Bawcum	Sandy Boyles	Kitty Donnan
Bob Burton	Michelle Clendenen-Shaw	Larry Jones
Julie Hayes	Elizabeth Earl	Andy Jordan
Sydney Jackson	Ed Ferguson	Jimbo LaBoon
Avery McLean	Rob Haire	Tom Landrum
Jeanne Nadenicek	Grace Lu	Beverly Phares
Carl Nichols	Chris Pope	Courtney Pittman
Tom Reigle	Mixon Robinson	Smith Wilson
Judy Scanlon	Rosemary Stancil	

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Carol Strickland, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Margaret Davis, *Parish Associate*
Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Mrs. Kim Ness, *Director of Youth Ministries*
Mrs. Natalie Bishop, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mrs. Elaine Johnson, *Director of Weekday School*
Mr. Roger Burbage, *Church Administrator*
Mrs. Lucy Bell Johnson, *Administrative Assistant for
Congregational Care & Membership*
Mr. Paulo Santos, *Communications Specialist*
Mrs. Jennifer Sunderlin, *Receptionist/Administrative Assistant*
Ms. Katherine Worsham, *Accountant*
Mrs. Marcy Fabris, *Weekday School Administrative Assistant*
Ms. Rita Raines, *Nursery Coordinator*
Mrs. Charlotte Chromiak, *Children's Music Assistant*
Mrs. Madeline Van Dyck, *Parish Nurse*

STUDENT INTERNS

Ms. Naina Amballa, *Website Technician*

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